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SUBJECT: FURTHER BANGLADESH REACTION TO DEPUTY SECRETARY'S STATEMENT

REFS: A. DACCA 4247; B. NEW DELHI 10425

1. THE LEFTIST WEEKLY, HOLIDAY, PUBLISHED AUGUST 7
A FRONT-PAGE CRITICISM OF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S
REMARKS IN NEW DELHI, CALLING THE "UNWARRANTED"
ANNOUNCEMENT "THAT THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS INDIA TO
EXERCISE HER POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH ASIAN
AFFAIRS" A "SUDDEN JOLT." THE ARTICLE DECLARED THAT
"IF TAKEN LITERALLY, THE ASSISTANT (SIC) SECRETARY'S
STATEMENT IS TANTAMOUNT TO CONCEDED AN EXCLUSIVE
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AREA OF INFLUENCE TO INDIA SIMILAR TO WHAT THE AMERICANS
HAVE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE RUSSIANS IN EAST EUROPE."
SUCH AN IMPLICATION "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN PROBABLY
BE ACCEPTABLE TO SMALLER COUNTRIES ON INDIA'S PERIPHERY."

2. IN A MORE STRIDENT TONE, THE PEKING-ORIENTED UNITED

PEOPLE'S PARTY, THROUGH ITS WEEKLY, NAYAJUG, DECLARED THAT CHRISTOPHER'S REMARKS REVEALED A NEW DIPLOMATIC GAME IN WHICH THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS" WERE SEEKING HEGEMONY IN THE SUB-CONTINENT THROUGH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH NEW DELHI. THE ARTICLE LINKED THE FALL OF BHUTTO AND THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN SRI LANKA WITH "NEW FACES TAKING OVER TOP CIA POSITIONS AND PREDICTED THAT BANGLADESH WOULD ALSO SEE POLITICAL IPANGE.

3. COMMENT: THE NAYAJUG DIATRIBE REPRESENTS A BENGALI CHARACTERIST OF SEEING INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACIES BEHIND EVERY EVENT. THE MORE RATIONAL HOLIDAY STORY ARTICULATES A CONCURN MOST BENGALIS HAVE REGARDING MY ENCOURAGEMENT FROM WHAT THEY SEE AS HEAVY-HANDED INDIAN DOMINATION OF THE SUB-CONTINENT.
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